Address

Of thanks to His Majesty,

WITH THE RESOLUTIONS UPON WHICH IT WAS FOUNDED.

Ordered, by The House of Assembly, *to be Printed, 4th February,* 1828.

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Resolutions and Votes

Of a Committee of the whole House, on His Excellency's Message, and the Despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, on the subject of Naturalization:

WITH AN ADDRESS OF THANKS TO HIS MAJESTY,

For favourably regarding the interests of the people in this Province, upon their civil and political rights.

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Monday, 4th February, 1828.

The House being in Committee on His Excellency's Message and despatch from His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonial department, on the subject of Naturalization—adopted the following Resolutions:—

1st. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House are due to His Majesty for so favourably regarding the interests of his people in this province, upon their civil and political rights.

2nd. Resolved, That the chairman be instructed to move for a committee to draft an appropriate address to His Majesty, grounded on the above resolution.

The House resumed, and the Chairman reported the resolutions.

The Report being received, the Clerk read the first Resolution—to which Mr. Jones of Grenville moved the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Vankoughnett—That after the word "for" in the original Resolution, the whole be expunged, and the following words inserted; "the favorable manner in "which His Majesty's Government has invariably regarded the interests of the inhabitants of this Prov-"ince, respecting their civil rights, and upon other subjects."

Which was lost by a majority of seven—as follows:—

YEAS,—Messrs. Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Coleman, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson of York, and VanKoughnett, 13.

NAYS,—Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson of Frontenac, Walsh, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson, 20.

Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Jones of Grenville, then moved an amendment to the original resolution which is as follows:—That after the word "resolved" in the original resolution, the whole be expung-"ed, and the following be inserted, "That the thanks of this House are due to His Majesty's Govern-"ment for their gracious intentions invariably evinced in promoting the interests of the inhabitants of "this province, respecting their civil rights, and upon other subjects."

Which was lost by a majority of seven.

YEAS AND NAYS AS BEFORE.

The House then divided on the Resolution.

YEAS,—Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Beasley, Bidwell, Clark, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson, of Frontenac, Walsh, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson,—23.

NAYS,—Messrs. Burnham, Cameron, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones, of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson, of York, and Vankoughnett,—10.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of thirteen, and it was Resolved accordingly.

The second resolution was then put as follows, and carried.

"Resolved that the chairman be instructed to move for a committee to draft an appropriate address to "His Majesty, grounded on the above resolution."

Mr. Wilkinson, chairman of the committee, then moved that Messrs. Rolph and Bidwell be a committee to draft an address to His Majesty pursuant to the resolution adopted.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Rolph, from the committee appointed to draft an appropriate address to His Majesty, by thanking him for so favourably regarding the interests of his people in this province, upon their civil and political rights, reported a draft which was received, and read the first time.

On the question for reading the address a second time, Mr. C. Jones moved as follows:---

That it be resolved, "that the address to His Majesty, just now read, is not in accordance with the resolution of this house, referred to a select committee, to draft an address thereupon---and that the said address be again referred to the said committee for the purpose of reporting a correct address thereupon."

Which was lost by a majority of nine, as follows:---

YEAS,---Messrs. Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson, of York, and Vankoughnett---12.

NAYS,---Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Bidwell, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson, of Frontenac, Walsh, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson---21.

The address was then read the second time, and on the question for its adoption the house again divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS,---Messrs. Baby, Beardsley, Bidwell, Coleman, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Lyons, Matthews, McBride, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson, of Frontenac, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson---20.

NAYS,---Messrs. Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson, of York, Vankoughnett, and Walsh---13.

The question was carrried in the affirmative by a majorty of seven, and the address was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The address being engrossed was read a third time, and on the question for passing the same, the house again divided as follows:---

YEAS,---Messrs. Beardsley, Bidwell, Fothergill, Hamilton, Hornor, Lefferty, Matthews, McCall, Perry, Peterson, Randal, Rolph, Thomson, of Frontenac, White, Wilkinson, and Wilson---16.

NAYS,---Messrs. Beasley, Burnham, Cameron, Clark, Gordon, Ingersol, C. Jones, Jones, of Grenville, Morris, Scollick, Thompson, of York, Vankoughnett, and Walsh---13.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of three, and the address was passed and signed by the Speaker, and is as follows:---

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

WE your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave humbly to thank your Majesty for having withheld your Royal Assent to the bills lately transmitted to your Majesty, upon a subject deeply affecting the civil and political rights of your Canadian people. In this most gracious exercise of your Royal prerogative we feel assured that the people will, in common with this Assembly, recognize your Majesty's desire to promote

the welfare of every class of society in this province; and the liberality and confidence which are conspicuous in the provisions recommended by your Majesty, for securing their rights and liberties, cannot fail to elevate their sentiments of loyalty and devotion to their Sovereign, the father of his people.

We desire further to offer to your Majesty, in a particular manner, our humble thanks for the paternal feeling with which your Majesty has regarded the constitutional efforts made by your Canadian people to make known their wishes upon a subject so profoundly interesting to them and their posterity.

From the zeal and anxiety evinced by them, we humbly pray your Majesty to believe that they duly appreciate the honour of being British subjects, and will ever gratefully remember the generous and magnanimous manner in which, through your Majesty's goodness and approbation, that character will be secured to them.